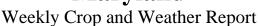


Maryland





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November 7, 2005

Soybean Harvest Increases

Drier weather has allowed for soybean harvest to proceed at fast rate. There were 6.5 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending November 6, 2005. **Soybean** harvest is well underway with over 60 percent harvested, 8 percent above last year and 3 percent above last year. **Barley** increased 10 percent to 93 percent, slightly less than last year and the five-year average. Planting of **wheat** is 65 percent planted, compared to 48 percent last week. Fourth cutting of **other hay** is 68 percent harvested and **alfalfa hay** is 93 percent harvested.

Pasture was rated in mostly good condition while hay supplies were mostly adequate

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 6, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Corn for Grain	93	88	90	90
Soybeans	60	46	54	57
Planting Progress:				
Barley	93	83	96	94
Winter Wheat	65	48	81	76
Crop Progress:				
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	100	94	97	97
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	93	87	90	91
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	60	58	87	91

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 6, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	6	87	7
Topsoil (2004)	-	4	85	11
Five Year Average	10	18	58	14
Subsoil Moisture	-	10	86	4
Subsoil (2004)	2	5	86	7
Five Year Average	9	24	60	7

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 6, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.00	43.37	8.72	75	33	54	4
Easton	0.00	40.76	3.20	72	36	55	2
Frederick	0.00	36.13	2.43	76	34	54	8
Frostburg	0.10	34.25	-5.82	70	34	53	10
Hagerstown	0.02	28.30	-4.85	74	37	56	8
Mechanicsville	0.00	37.81	-0.72	73	32	54	3
Patuxent River	0.00	36.59	0.36	72	38	58	7
Ocean City	0.00	36.78	-1.75	68	35	57	6
Salisbury	0.00	42.37	3.23	74	29	56	4
Sharpsburg	0.00	34.38	0.68	77	31	53	7
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	38.70	5.71	75	41	58	4
Delaware							
Dover	0.00	45.87	7.82	72	39	57	5
Georgetown	0.00	39.05	1.24	75	35	58	8
Wilmington	0.00	33.08	-1.61	70	36	54	5

 $Weather\ Data\ is\ provided\ by\ the\ Agricultural\ Weather\ Information\ Service,\ Auburn,\ Alabama\ and\ is\ considered\ preliminary.$